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NOT SO FUNNY.

"Do any of our readers, or contemporaries, suppose that the Virginian-Pilot, is at war with the Martin cabal for fun?"—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.  
"Perhaps not. But it is very funny, nevertheless."—Petersburg Index-Appal.

We are glad to find our contemporaries so easily amused, and that we can so easily contribute to its good humor. We wish that our contemporaries would afford us something funny; but we can only grieve over the rapid decadence of a journal which once stood for human equality and advocated the civil rights of all men. In the same issue in which it finds the Virginian-Pilot so funny, it favors the Hanna-McKinley Republican plot to break faith with our own principles and records, with the liberty of the human race, with our pledges to the Cubans and all mankind, and gobble up Cuba!

This, sad as it is, is hardly astonishing; for we well know the decadence of Averil. For gold mono-metalism and money-monopoly, against the hard money of the people, the Democracy and the constitution; for expansion and militarism; for currency contraction, trusts and all the unfair schemes of capital, it is no wonder that a paper that takes sides with the Martin of 1893-99, and his ways, means and methods against the Democrats of Virginia, should take sides with the Hanna gang in betraying the liberties of the Cubans, to make traffic of them and their island.

Ex-Speaker Reed, in a recent letter to his Maine constituents, congratulates them on possessing the true American spirit whose fidelity to "liberty, self-government and the equal rights of all men" can never be brought in question; but we greatly fear that in Virginia, with able journals like our Petersburg contemporary to mislead them; many of the people have forgotten Henry, Jefferson and George Mason and their teachings.

We undertake to decide that the Cubans are unfitted for self-government! When and how were we constituted judges of our fellow-men in this regard, and empowered to govern them? Are we so wise and happy in governing ourselves that we must supersede them in their "unalienable rights," and govern them without their consent? The wise tyrant may give the best government, so far as material results are concerned; but that is far from the real question, which involves free will, and without which the best virtue may degenerate into the worst vice. To govern ill is a right—the real right—of a manly and independent people; and government ceases to be a right the moment it is conditioned on any circumstances, or results, to be passed upon by others. Do we hold our rights by any such flimsy tenure? No, never! Men must be their own judges in this, or they are slaves.

A German syndicate is seeking to buy a small Danish island for the purpose of making it a great gambling resort, like Monte Carlo. The moral, religious and provident world should protest against the scheme, and it ought to be considered a national disgrace for any government to permit its soil to be prostituted to no bafeul a purpose.—The suicides and murdered victims of Monte Carlo should rise in ghostly array, against the dedication of the island to one of the most seductive traps set to catch recruits for shed. International law and treaties should forbid such a sale as this, as crimes against humanity.

## IS SO-CALLED DEVELOPMENT ALWAYS A BLESSING?

VIRGINIA'S IRON INTERESTS.  
If the consolidation of properties cheapens production and enlarges output, the recent changes of ownership of iron furnaces in Virginia promises increased industrial activity in that State. Some of the Virginia furnaces that could not be run at a profit have recently been added to the holdings of a strong corporation which is intent upon utilizing them. The Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, of Bristol, Tenn., is said to own every furnace in South-west Virginia, East Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky, except one at Pulaski, Va., and this, too, is expected to fall into its hands.—Baltimore Sun.

"To fall into the hands" is probably a very apt expression, and the mines and furnaces may pay the stockholders tremendous dividends, like some, if not all, of our cotton factories are reported to do; but what will it all profit Virginia and her people, with a horde of wild and pauper Hungarians, Italians and other proletarians, of the most objectionable sort imported to work the iron from the mines to pig-metal at pauper wages? And then to degrade the State by an element worse than the barbarous Africans that first came to Virginia in Dutch ships and afterwards in Yankee bottoms!

The Virginian-Pilot knows it is not only heresy, but rank blasphemy, to cross-question any enterprise or capital that graciously comes among us and offers to take all things off our hands on its own terms; nevertheless, while we may not now be able to mine our coal and iron, nor build nor operate our own furnaces, many of the wisest and best inhabitants of England, scattered and of our own Pennsylvania and other States, are bitterly regretting the day when coal and iron cursed them and their countries.

## THE DEMOCRACY IS RELIABLE

If the Democrats of Virginia cannot be trusted with the conduct of Virginia affairs, then somebody must be imported for the work, for without doubt the home field won't furnish what is needed.—Farmville Herald.

But who are the Democrats of Virginia? Our esteemed contemporary will permit us to say that they do not consist solely of the official organization—the State Committee, and concurring and co-operating county and city committees; nor of a boss, nor of a ring, or clique, with subservient committees, to bow to every nod; nor of a people who submissively yield to the assumptions of officiality and leadership and humbly bare their backs to the party lash, wielded by usurpers, or traitors, or who meekly fall into line, to take orders from the self-constituted authorities, at the call of newspapers who shout "regularity," "harmony," "unity," though the devil himself has taken charge of us.

## CARTER SACRIFICED TO PARTY EXIGENCIES.

We do not see the firmness in President McKinley's late yielding to the demands of justice in the Carter case that his political henchmen affect to behold in it and so loudly proclaim. It is of a piece with the whole vacillating record of Mr. McKinley, who would have pardoned Carter, or extended clemency to him at least, so far as to relieve him from the disgrace of hard labor in the penitentiary, and some of the more ignominious details of his sentence, if he had had the firmness, or the courage, of his professed convictions; but, no, he sacrificed Carter to political expediency, not to justice; for if justice had been heeded Carter would not have had so long a time of gay life, with plenty of money to spend.

No! not to justice is Carter surrendered; but to the exigencies of party necessity in Ohio, where the thief has become an issue and the people clamorous for his punishment, accusing McKinley and the party of seeking to screen Carter because he is an Ohioan and a Republican, if not an old chum of the President. This late approval of the sentence for personal and party reasons only aggravates the original offence of holding up the sentence so long.

We trust that the Columbia will defeat the Shamrock in the International yacht-competition at New York between Great Britain and the United States. In any case, the greatest good feeling must prevail among the contestants, because the struggle is one in which victory is not to be grudged an honorable opponent, and where there is still much honor for a sturdy foe, though defeated. If we win, let us accept the honor gracefully and temperately; if we lose, let us surrender the cup with equal grace and temper to a worthy competitor that has shown superior skill, either in constructing the craft, or in sailing it; and will be ours to learn of him.

The gold in Alaska expands the British claims beyond the old settled boundary; gold has had the same effect in expanding the British demands for Venezuelan territory; the same thing occurs through gold in the British pretensions in the Transvaal and we see this aura sacra fumes enlarging British "territorial rights" all around the world. Gold will yet cause the destruction of the British empire. It will be the just retribution.

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